

Minutes – Region 13

RTC Council

August 8, 2012

RTC Members Present: Pam Southworth, Tom Haskell, Ellen Van Waart, Greg Cruickshank, Darek Madejski, Chris Nash, Terry Hanzlik, Ruth Husz, Don Howard, Lisa Walker

RTC Members Absent: Dan DeGroot, Denise Norman

Guests Present: Mike Vodenik, Teresa Hanzlik

Reports:

AEA – Derek Madejski reported that the Creston AEA office was destroyed by a tornado earlier this year; they are working on a new site. They are seeing more use on video conferencing and suggest that the new IP might be a good solution.

ETC/RTC Update – Pam Southworth reported that there are a lot of changes starting FY13. Tracking reports are required for Don Howard, Darek Madejski and Lisa Walker, we've received no late notices on any reports. Darek Madejski suggested changing the format of his form to a monthly form versus weekly. Pam said he'd need to speak with Lori Larsen. Pam also announced the fiber has been extended to Atlantic and is getting close to Shenandoah. The budget is the same amount as last year for FY13. She announced that there is \$600 set aside for equipment purchases and asked Don Howard what he suggests using the money for. Don will put together a plan. Pam asked if there are any questions regarding the budget? No questions were asked. She discussed the upcoming year's plan and that Darek, Don and Lisa will be doing the same jobs just adding the additional reporting. It was decided to vote on the budget, a motion to approve the budget was given by Chris Nash. There was a unanimous vote to approve budget.

Tom Haskell asked about serving terms and the group decided to vote. Chris Nash, Tom Haskell, Gregg Cruickshank and Pam Southworth all agreed that they would be willing to continue as board members of RTC-Region 13. Ellen Van Waart moved that the slate be approved and Darek Madejski seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Pam Southworth also mentioned that Iowa Western has been using GotoMeeting for some of their courses. Tom Haskell said that Buena Vista is also using other means of video conferencing. Iowa Western had seven ICN classes in the spring and it is down to five for the fall.

Technical Support – Don Howard said that it has been quiet over the summer. He and Mike plan to work in Sidney the next day. Mike Vodenik mentioned that there are three ICN techs for the entire state. He also mentioned that the ICN is trying to make sure that everyone in the state has systems to be able to "talk" to each other. The ICN is going to announce in 2014 that the mpeg systems will need to upgrade to IP. Darek mentioned that the ICN leases equipment.

Scheduler Report – Lisa Walker reported that there are no current conflicts to resolve at the present time.

Lisa and Pam will let the group know information regarding the next meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2012.

Tom Haskell asked about the status of the ICN being sold. Mike Vodenik mentioned that all of the endpoints are in schools, which are government owned. So, the government would require the schools to pay back all of the grants if the ICN were sold to a public organization. Darek said he thinks the ICN should have more fiber.

Meeting was adjourned.